

**Influence of Slavery on Invention.**  
The last annual report of the Commissioner of Patents contains the following statement of the number of patents issued to cit-

From the different States, during the year 1854	
Maine	9
Massachusetts	12
New York	12
Michigan	12
Illinois	12
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Alabama	12
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The Am. Seamen's Friend Society. The Society held its 25th anniversary on Monday 9th inst. An Abstract of the Ann. Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. Simondson, from which we derive the

**Savings Banks for Seamen** continue to attract their attention and gain their confidence. Seamen now have on deposit their bank in Boston at least 375,000; although it is but twenty-four years past that week since they made their first deposit in their bank in Wall street, New York, they now have in that institution about One and a Half Million of Dollars.

*Encouraging Results.* A summary review of the past establishes the fact of a general and decided improvement in progress among seamen. It is seen—

liquors on board of American vessels, in the thousands of total abstinence societies on shore. The Marine Temperance Society of New York numbers over 27,000 members.

2. In better observance of the Christian Sabbath. It is not as formerly the galling day from port. Many masters sea give their men a portion of Saturday mending their clothes, and making all

rest. Many of our fishing vessels and some of our whale ships use neither hook nor harpoon on the Sabbath. 3. Progress is seen in a better discipline at sea. 4. Progress is seen in a growing desire for the Bible, and religious and useful books. More than two thousand volumes have been sent to sea with the Japan Exploring Expedition, the Coast Survey, merchant and whaling vessels, during the past year. 5. E.

and preeminently, it is seen in numerous conversions to God, which clearly show the auspicious hatching of the fulfillment of the prophecies and promises in the outpouring of the abundance of the sea, and afford ample encouragement to prosecute energetically a work so essential to the salvation of the nearly 3,000,000 of seamen, through them so important to the conversion of the world to God.

ELECTION OF A FREE DEMOCRAT IN BOSTON.—It will be seen by the vote given in our department that WM. WASHBURN, Esq., Democrat, has been chosen to the Common Council from Ward Six, to fill a vacancy, the regular Wob candidate!

Mr. Washburn is the first Free Democrat chosen to office in this city, by a popular vote. But it will not be the last. Our cause does not lack for a champion, constantly on

It gives us great pleasure to announce to friends abroad, that a Free Democrat has elected to office in Boston, and elected our Whig candidate. Fossilism, in this quarter, is on the wane. It must decrease and give to the growing power of those progressive forces which make men alive to-day. The North

Anniversary week in New York has signified by the formation of a new Society which takes the name of the American Constitutional Union. It was instituted under the auspices of Rev. Dr. Bacon, of New Haven; Dr. Dwight, of this city, and Rev. R. S. Stebbins, Jr., and others. Its aim is to provide a platform and a permanent space, for the people of the United States, to discuss the principles of the Constitution, and to discuss the principles of the Constitution, and to discuss the principles of the Constitution.

**RICH MEN IN BANGOR.**—Among the large tax payers in that city, the Mercury gives the following names:

Samuel Veazie,	\$19,000
George W. Parker,	18,000
Amos M. Roberts,	18,000

rs,	William Emerson,	11
al	Albert Emerson,	8
os	Samuel Larrabee,	8

In the colony of Sierra Leone are found  
hundred and eighty different languages, speak-  
ed by captives from different tribes. So says  
the one who has the best opportunity for acquaint-  
ance with the facts. Missionaries to Africa there-  
fore must have something to do of preparation

COMMERCE OF SAN FRANCISCO.—There is the harbor of San Francisco on the 15th of April, square rigged vessels as follows, including ships, barks and brigs, not including the reds of sloopers and steamers:—103 American, 54 British, 21 Chilean, 5 Dutch, 3 Danish, 7 French, 7 Hamburg, 8 Russian, 4 Italian, Mexican, 10 other nations. Total number of sailing vessels, 193.

The English papers record the launch of the largest vessel that ever slid down the ways since the world began," in the presence of 600 spectators, at Greenock. This vessel is the Royal West India Mail steamer *Atvato*, which is to take the place of the unfortunate *De*

The Ten Hour bill was passed to be engrossed in the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, on Tuesday, by a vote of 105 to 50.

Hon. John P. Hale has become a resident of New York and a practitioner at the Bar.

About 800 emigrants, mostly from Pennsylvania, bound to Illinois and Iowa, many of them in wagons, passed through Wheeling last week.







D. LORD, 61 E. 12th St., New York, June 3, 1912.